

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 739
By McKee

A RESOLUTION to recognize Larry Wallace on the occasion of his retirement as Director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those public servants who have devoted their lives to law enforcement and displayed uncommon dedication and commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, Larry Wallace is one such estimable person who has recently retired as Director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, a post he held for 11 years, culminating a nearly 40 year career in the field of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Larry Wallace is a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University and holds a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Tennessee State University; he is also a graduate of the prestigious FBI National Executive Institute; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace began his career in law enforcement in 1964 with the Athens Police Department of Athens, Tennessee, where he served until 1967 when he won appointment to the Tennessee Highway Patrol; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, Larry Wallace began his association with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation when he was named a Special Agent; taking a leave of absence from the TBI, Mr. Wallace was twice elected McMinn County Sheriff and, in 1979, was named Tennessee Sheriff of the Year by the Tennessee Sheriff's Association; and

WHEREAS, returning to the TBI in 1980, Larry Wallace was promoted to Agent in Charge of the Criminal Investigation Division in 1984, a post he held until his appointment in 1987 by Governor Ned McWherter as Colonel and Commanding Officer of the Tennessee Highway Patrol; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Colonel Wallace was named Deputy Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Safety and served admirably in this capacity until his appointment in 1992, by Governor McWherter, to the post of TBI Director; and

WHEREAS, reappointed for a second term in 1998 by Governor Don Sundquist, Director Wallace was instrumental in the relocation of the TBI into a consolidated headquarters building in Nashville in July of 2000 and the opening of a consolidated facility in Memphis in December of 2001; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean and he is especially grateful for the loving companionship he shares with his wife Katie and they are the proud parents of three wonderful children and grandparents of three treasured grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Larry Wallace has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of this body and the law enforcement community of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we thank Larry Wallace for his years of outstanding service to the citizens of Tennessee and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy